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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Bongso, A., et al. (1994) "The Growth of Inner Cell Mass Cells From Human Blastocysts", Heriogenology 41:167 (**Abstract XP000613214**);
2. Pera, M. F., et al. (1999) "Human Embryonic Stem Cells", Journal of Cell Science 113:5-10; and

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3. Reubinooff, B. E., et al. (2000) "Embryonic stem cell lines from human blastocysts: somatic differentiation in vitro", Nature Biotechnology, 18:399-404.

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Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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